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SUBJECT: 2017 NACo Conference and Exposition
Travel Report
Columbus Convention Center
Franklin County, Columbus, Ohio
July 20-27, 2017

2017 National Association of Counties Conference and Exposition
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The 82nd Annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference and Exposition was held in Franklin County, Ohio. This annual conference is unique in that it draws such a wide cross section of elected officials and County staff from across the Country. Attendees ranged from rural and urban counties, large and small budgets, all seeking education, networking and topic specific sessions aimed to help improve residents' lives and the efficiency of our County governments. The theme of this year's conference was: Counties Unite America. NACo is a national organization representing 3,069 county governments across the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government, and exercise exemplary leadership in public service.

As a sitting member of the NACo Board of Directors, it was my responsibility to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elections of the NACo governing officers; guide the direction of the association; network with colleagues; learn about issues impacting counties across the country. This conference offered exceptional educational opportunities, products and services from participating companies and exhibitors, in addition to meeting with lawmakers and other federal officials. Hawaii local lawmakers were given the opportunity to share ideas and information with other county officials from across the nation. The 2017 Annual Conference ended with the election of a new leadership team and a stronger commitment to uniting Counties across America.

The conference drew 1,500 county officials and guests from across the U.S and included numerous notable guest presenters: USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue on the Trump Administration's plans for rural America; Piper Kerman, whose autobiographical book, *Orange Is the New Black*, inspired the popular Netflix series of the same name; Lou Dobbs anchors the Lou Dobbs Tonight show on the Fox Business Network; NASA Marshall Space Flight Center Director Todd May and NASA John H. Glenn Research Deputy Director Maria E. Perez-Davis, PhD, engaged in discussions about the future of space travel; Ed Viesturs, the only American mountaineer to have climbed the world's 14 highest peaks without supplemental oxygen, talked about his strategies to manage risk in extreme environments.

Several special, high-level discussions were undertaken at the conference that reflected the broad scope of county interests. The CIO Forum and Tech Town Hall updated professional staff and county leaders on the threats and promise of emerging information technologies such as artificial intelligence and Big Data. The opioid crisis took center stage at a town hall and special exhibit showcasing examples of solutions used to fight the epidemic.

One of several summits examined early childhood policies and practices that promote healthy development. Another reviewed the progress of NACo's Stepping Up project that assists counties in diverting persons with mental illness from their jails and into treatment. A third took a full day on the topic of resilient counties, paying special attention to financing disaster management, resource recycling and infrastructure needs.

July 21, 2017

Arrival at conference. Attended the following conference events:

-NACo Opening Reception was a unique welcoming event held at the North Market. Established in 1876, the North Market is Columbus' only remaining true public market. More than 30 merchants offer a wide variety of fresh, local, authentic food, many of which will be serving specialties for NACo attendees to enjoy.

-NACo night at the ballpark was an opportunity to observe and inspect a County owned and operated stadium. Huntington Park is a county owned and operated minor league stadium. Completed in 2009, the ballpark is the home of the Columbus Clippers, (also owned by the county), the Triple-A minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. The 10,100-seat stadium is located in the Arena District of Columbus. It was named Ballpark of the Year by Baseballparks.com in 2009 for the "best combination of superior design, attractive site selection and fan amenities." In 2016, *Forbes* listed the Clippers as the fifth-most valuable Minor League Baseball team.

July 22, 2017

Attended HSAC Breakfast meeting hosted by NACo 2nd VP candidates to learn their views and had discussions on maintaining a HSAC presidential appointment to the NACo Board of Directors. Attended the following meetings:

-Large Urban County Caucus:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus, or "LUCC," is a bipartisan caucus. LUCC meets in conjunction with the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. each winter and at the NACo Annual Conference in July. Its annual Symposium, held in the fall, is emerging as the must-attend event for LUCC members to engage with influencers and innovators from world class philanthropic organizations, think tanks, academic institutions and businesses, to foster creative and new public/private collaborations and partnerships. Officials from NACo member counties with populations over 500,000 are eligible to participate in LUCC. LUCC is led by a steering committee with a chair and vice chair, all appointed by the NACo president on an annual basis. LUCC is the premier forum for urban county leaders and is the voice for America's metropolitan counties before Congress and the

Administration. Comprised of county executives, governing board members and other senior elected officials, LUCC members focus on urban challenges and solutions, engage in peer-to-peer information exchanges and informal national policy discussions.

America's urban counties play a prominent role in 150 million resident's lives every day. LUCC fosters conditions for economic strength, build and maintain transportation systems and critical infrastructure, promote community health and well-being, champion justice and public safety and implement a broad portfolio of federal, state and local programs. LUCC discussion on the following topics:

- View from the Nation's Capital: Assessing the Political Landscape: Among the nation's leading political commentators, Margaret Carlson has served as a columnist for Bloomberg News since 2005 and previously served as a White House correspondent for Time magazine and a regular panelist on CNN's "Capital Gang." Ms. Carlson will join LUCC to offer her perspective on the current state of affairs in Washington and engage in a conversation with members about what today's political environment means for the future of America's large urban counties.
- Unlocking Hidden Assets to Boost Growth and Prosperity: Public Wealth of Cities The Brookings Institution Press's latest publication describes a simple but compelling blueprint to restoring economic vitality and financial stability to metropolitan areas by unlocking social, human and economic wealth that local governments already own.
- Transforming a Region from Inside Out: Preparing for Growth in Columbus The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission predicts that the seven-county region in Central Ohio could grow by one million residents by 2050. Insight2050 is a collaborative initiative to help Central Ohio communities proactively plan for this projected growth and its implications on housing, jobs, infrastructure and community planning.
- Innovative Solutions for Los Angeles County's Complex Challenges: With a population that exceeds that of all but seven states, Los Angeles County leaders face complex challenges in serving the needs of their communities. Supervisor Kathryn Barger will discuss two recent initiatives that serve as examples of innovative solutions to these complex challenges — Measure M on regional transportation and Measure H on homelessness — and will share her perspective on how these measures went from concept to reality.
- Conversation with New Leadership at the U.S. Department of Justice: The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides innovative leadership to local justice systems by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices and providing grants for implementation of these crime fighting strategies. Newly appointed Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan Hanson leads the work of this important office and will join LUCC to discuss OJP's work and priorities in a new presidential administration.

-Rural Action Caucus:

NACo's Rural Action Caucus (RAC) is a key component of NACo. RAC is the voice for America's rural counties before Congress and the Administration. Nearly two-thirds of the nation's 3,069 counties are designated as rural, with a combined population of 60 million. County elected officials from these rural areas are dedicated to solving many critical issues impacting rural life and development. These include infrastructure development, broadband deployment, development of new rural clinics and hospitals, road and bridge construction and maintenance, business development opportunities and many more county responsibilities. Since 1997, NACo's Rural Action Caucus has addressed critical federal, state and local issues.

-NACo Board Forum

Discussed various Board business and explanation of proposed bylaw change to the Weighted Vote Formula. As per President Desloge's promise to the NACo Board and membership, this proposed change to the weighted vote formula will come before the membership for action at the Annual Business Meeting:

1. Article X. Section 4. A.2. (Page 12) — This was the recommendation made by the Elections Review Committee in 2015 to change the amount of dues per vote in credentialing. Moving the amount from \$499 to \$1199 and from \$500 to \$1200. The reasoning behind this had been discussed at length by the Elections Review Committee and the NACo Board of Directors. The Bylaws Committee agreed to move this issue on to the general membership during the NACo Annual Business Meeting in July of 2016 for consideration. The Bylaws Committee did not take a position on this recommendation, and this was separated out from the bloc of proposed changes during the Bylaws presentation. The NACo Board of Directors voted in favor of this action during the 2016 Western Interstate Region Conference by a vote of 48-4. Action was deferred at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting in Los Angeles County, Calif. until the 2017 Annual Business Meeting in Franklin County, Ohio.

Article X. Conferences and Meetings

Section 4. Dues and Voting Rights

A. Each active member county is entitled to at least one vote on every question put before the annual business meeting or special meetings of the membership.

1. An active member county is one which has paid NACo dues within twelve months prior to the conference.

2. Active member counties whose population requires them to pay more than ~~\$199~~ \$1199 in dues are entitled to one additional vote for each additional ~~\$540~~ \$1200 or fraction thereof paid in the year in which the meeting is held.

3. Dues paid shall not be more than the amount specified in the approved dues schedule.

→ B. Each county shall determine the person or persons (delegates) who will cast the county's vote(s).

1. An elected or appointed county official of a fully paid active member may cast all or any portion of the active member's total authorized vote but no fraction of a whole number.

2. Any active member may but is not required to permit its votes to be cast by its state as a block.

→ C. Counties are allowed to vote at the annual business meeting or special meetings of the membership if they have paid NACo membership dues within twelve months prior to the conference, and if they are registered for the conference and follow the provisions of Section 5.

-General Session

- Agriculture: the Honorable Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue came by his knowledge of agriculture the old fashioned way: he was born into a farming family in Bonaire, Georgia. From childhood, and through his life in business and elected office, Perdue has experienced the industry from every possible perspective. Uniquely qualified as a former farmer, agribusinessman, veterinarian, state legislator, and governor of Georgia, he became the 31st United States Secretary of Agriculture on April 25, 2017.
- Criminal Justice: The basis for the award-winning series, her best-selling memoir, *Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, chronicles her 13 months in the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Connecticut. The book raises provocative questions about the state of criminal justice in America, and how incarceration affects individuals and communities across the nation. Since her release, she has worked to promote the cause of prison and criminal justice reform.
- NASA Program updates:
 - Todd May is director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Named to the position in February 2016, he heads one of NASA's largest field installations, with nearly 6,000 on- and near-site civil service and contractor employees -- including those at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, which is managed by the Marshall Center -- and an annual budget of approximately \$2.5 billion. May manages a broad range of propulsion, scientific and space transportation activities contributing to the nation's space program.
 - May was appointed deputy director of Marshall in August 2015 and served as acting director from November 2015 until being appointed director. Prior to that, he was manager of the Space Launch System program since August 2011. SLS, now under development, is the most powerful rocket ever built, able to carry astronauts in NASA's Orion spacecraft on deep space missions, including to an asteroid and ultimately to Mars. The program is managed at Marshall, and May led SLS through a series of milestones, including engine tests and an in-depth critical design review.
 - Dr. Marla E. Pérez-Davis serves as the deputy director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's John H. Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. In this capacity she shares with the center director responsibility for planning, organizing and managing the agency level programs and projects assigned to the center. Immediately prior to her current assignment, Pérez-Davis served as deputy director of the Research and Engineering Directorate, a post she held since 2014. In this position, Pérez-Davis was responsible for leading,

planning, coordinating and managing all phases of Glenn's research and engineering activities to accomplish NASA missions.

July 23, 2017

-NACo Board of Directors and Resolutions Committee Meetings

Conducted various Board business. Requested to maintain HSAC Presidential appointment to the NACo Board of Directors. Discussed numerous Board resolutions and elections. (Please see attached)

-NACo Achievement Awards Luncheon

Awards luncheon honoring the 2017 NACo Achievement Award winners. NACo recognized over 600 entries from 109 counties in 29 states, and will honor the 18 Best in Category winners on stage during the ceremony. Started in 1970, the annual Achievement Awards Program is a noncompetitive awards program that recognizes innovative programs that modernize and improve County government. Awards are given in 18 different categories including children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, human services, health and many more.

July 24, 2017

-NACo Annual Business Meeting and Election

Conducted various NACo business, election of new President Roy Charles Brooks, adoption of various resolutions. NACo President Roy Charles Brooks appointed CM Dru Kanuha to NACo BOD, retaining presidential appointment for HSAC. Under the leadership of new NACo President Roy Charles Brooks, NACo will raise awareness of the critical role counties play in breaking the cycle of poverty. NACo will also provide tools to strengthen efforts to address this issue as we help to build healthy, vibrant and safe counties across the United States. While counties put people first, poverty can push them to the end of the line. This is particularly true for our nation's children, who are impacted by poverty more than any other age group. In fact, adverse childhood experiences can impact infants for the rest of their lives. As the ultimate safety net, county investments and leadership in early childhood development will lower future costs in county health, child welfare, safety and justice services. Counties also forge partnerships with the public, private and non-profit sectors at the federal, state and local levels to remove barriers, build opportunities and address the many faces of poverty in America.

July 25, 2017

Observed various construction view points as described in Honolulu City Council Bill #3 (2016) and NYC Local Law 47 of 2013 for discussion with NYC Councilman Jumaane D. Williams.

July 26, 2017

Meeting with NYC Councilman Jumaane D. Williams who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, NYC. He was elected in 2009, and re-elected in 2013. Williams currently serves as Deputy Leader of the New York City Council, and chair of the council's Committee on Housing and Buildings. He is also co-chair of the Council's Task Force to Combat Gun Violence, and a founding member of the Progressive Caucus, and is a member of the Black, Latino & Asian Caucus. The Council Members met at Williams' Manhattan office, where they discussed differences and similarities in their legislative processes, major issues facing their constituents and ways to increase engagement in their respective districts.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date August 18, 2017

Traveler Councilmember Ikaika Anderson
Event 2017 Annual NACo Conference and Exposition
Location Franklin County, Ohio
Dates From July 20, 2017 To July 24, 2017

| Description | Amount | Notes: |
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| 1. Registration Fee | 505.00 | AGA-Completed |
| 2. Airfare | 1352.80 | ACA-Completed |
| 3. Hotel | 1396.82 | |
| 4. Meals | 140.52 142.52 | |
| 5. Ground Transportation | 192.50 181.59 | |
| 6. Tips | 11.00 20.00 | |
| 7. Other | | |
| Other | | |
| Other | | |
| 8. Adjustment | | |
| TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT | 3608.73 1740.93 | |

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment.


Signature of Traveler

August 18, 2017

Date